

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract at page 8, line 4, as follows:

In a solid-oxide fuel cell assembly, a sealing gasket is disposed between spaced,
parallel components and includes ~~each individual component or sub-assembly and an~~
~~integrating component manifold, comprising~~ a gas-filled pillow structure formed in the
general shape of the manifold opening to be sealed. The gasket acts as a passive gas
spring that responds with increased seating force to increased temperature. ~~In a currently~~
~~preferred embodiment, the~~ The gasket comprises first and second elements formed from
sheet or foil metal stock having mating concavities and joined along their mutual surfaces
to form ~~linear~~ the gas-filled pillow structure ~~pillows~~ in the shape of each opening to be
sealed. ~~Preferably, the~~ The first and second elements are respectively formed of the same
material as the components and ~~surface to be sealed, allowing the elements to become~~
diffusion bonded on their outer surfaces to their respective component surfaces.